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NEW RADNOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health and
Sanitary Inspector for the year 1955.

TO The Chairman and Members of the Council

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report
for 1955.

The state of public health in the district
has been very good. You will observe that the number
of live births exceeds the number of deaths and that the
number of cases of infectious disease has been very
low.

The demand for water in the village of New Radnor
is now considerably greater than in previous years,
were it not possible to augment the present supply from
small springs in the immediate vicinity of the reservoir,
the position would be serious. The need for the early
implementation of the New Radnor Water Supply Scheme
is most important. I do urge that immediate consideration
be given to it by all concerned.

I am obliged to the Sanitary Inspector for the
inclusion of the Sanitary Statistics in this report.

R. H. Jobson.

Medical Officer of Health.

1. Statistics of the area

Area (in acres)	51,892
Number of inhabited houses	705
Population	2,210
Rateable Value	3,339
Sum represented by a penny rate	£21 14s 0d

2. Vital Statistics

	Total	Male	Female
(a) Live Births (legitimate)	33	19	14
Live Births (illegitimate)	--	--	--
Total	33	19	14
(b) Still Births (legitimate and illegitimate)	--	--	--
(c) <u>Infant Mortality</u>			
(i) Deaths of infants under 1 year (legitimate and illegitimate)	--	--	--
(ii) Deaths of infants under 4 weeks old (legitimate and illegitimate)	--	--	--
(iii) Deaths from puerperal causes	--	--	--

(d) Causes of Death - statistics provided by the Registrar General.

	Total	Male	Female
9. Other infective and parasitic disease	1	-	1
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	1	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4	1
18. Coronary disease, angina	2	1	1
20. Other heart disease	4	1	3
21. Other circulatory disease	4	-	4
23. Pneumonia	1	-	1
24. Bronchitis	1	1	-
32. Other defined and illdefined disease	1	-	1
34. All other accidents	1	1	-
	<u>24</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15</u>

Comparable Data for England & Wales, 1955

Birth rate (per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population)	14.9
Birth rate for England & Wales.	15.0
Still birth rate (per 1,000 total live still births)	----
Still birth rate for England & Wales	23.1
Death rate (per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population)	10.86
Death rate for England & Wales	11.7
Infant Mortality rate (per 1,000 related live births)	30.3
Infant Mortality rate for England & Wales.	24.9

3. Infectious Disease.

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and Other Diseases

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Tuberculosis	1	-	-
Measles	11	-	-

4. Tuberculosis

The County Medical Officer deals with all aspects of this disease.

5. National Health Service Act, 1946.

The County Council is the responsible authority for the execution of this Act.

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the Public Health Laboratories at Hereford and Aberystwyth. Due however, to the six hour time factor the laboratory at Hereford is used almost exclusively, owing to better communications.

(b) Ambulance Services.

The County Ambulance is stationed at the County Hospital Llandrindod Wells. This ambulance has to be used even when cases are being sent out of the County, principally to the County Hospital, Hereford.

(c) Dental Care of Mothers and Young Children
These facilities are provided by the County Council.

(d) Child Welfare.
The Child Welfare Centre is at Walton and is attended monthly by the District Medical Officer.

6. Water Supplies

(a) New Radnor (Extended) Area Scheme
The Council have been notified of the amount of grant aid forthcoming and are proceeding with the Abstraction Order.

(b) Franksbridge Scheme
Negotiations are still in progress for the preparation of an economic scheme and consultations have been made with the Authorities concerned who have now agreed in principle to the scheme.

(c) Llandeilo and Penybont Scheme
Final preparations are nearing completion and an application has been made to the County Council for further grant aid. It is hoped that this scheme will proceed without delay as existing supplies are poor in both quality and quantity.

(d) Water Samples
Several samples, both chemical and bacteriological have been obtained both from public and private sources. The results have been varied depending upon siting and weather conditions - this principally applies to private sources but where a poor result has been obtained appropriate remedial action has been taken.

7. Sewerage and Drainage

Apart from the small sewage works installed to deal with sewage from the Council Estate in New Radnor, there are no other sewage works in the district. The need for same is however, becoming apparent especially in New Radnor where the disposal of night soil is becoming a problem. Unfortunately the Council has been informed that no grant-aid will be forthcoming for sewerage or sewage works until the village has an adequate and piped supply of water.

8. Refuse Disposal

The collection of refuse has continued on a basis similar to that obtaining over the past few years, namely a monthly collection by a Contractor from the roadside and disposal by controlled tipping at three tips.

9. Rodent Control

The arrangement with Kington UDC concerning the employment of a Rodent Operator on a shared basis has continued satisfactorily. All the controlled tips have been regularly treated.

All dwelling houses, business premises and farms have been visited and all infestations discovered have been dealt with. There have been no major infestations and generally it has been found that the number of treatments is less than previous.

10. Housing

No Council houses were built during the past year but final details were almost completed regarding the erection of two houses at Gloucesty and it is hoped that these houses will be built in the coming year.

Sites at Old Radnor and Llandegley (for four and six houses respectively) have been or are nearing completion of purchase.

The following portion of the Report has been compiled by the Sanitary Inspector.

11. Inspection and Supervision of Food Supply

(a) Food Inspection

The following items of food were voluntarily surrendered by a local retailer for destruction :-

6 large tins Bartlett pears
6 large tins Sliced peaches
2 large tins Half apricots

(b) Food Premises

Total Number of Food premises (including Public Houses)	17
Total Number of Inspections	25

The low number of visits were due to shortage of staff.

Section 14 Food & Drugs Act, 1938.

No more premises were registered under this section during the year.

Ice cream retailed from the three premises already registered was found to be satisfactory. All ice cream retailed is propagated.

12. Milk Supply

Several samples were sent for examination by the laboratory and in all cases the result was satisfactory. All the purveyors of milk in the district and producer-retailer and have no dairy premises warranting the attention of the Sanitary Inspector.

13. Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District. The sole butcher's shop obtains his supplies from slaughterhouses in Hereford, Leominster or Craven Arms after inspection by the local inspector.

14. Bakchouse

There is one bakchouse in the district. 3 inspections were made. Conditions found on inspection were satisfactory.

15. Factories Acts, 1937 and 1943

Number of Non-mechanical factories	4.
No. of inspections	4
Number of Mechanical Factories	5.
No. of inspections	6

1 case of want of cleanliness was found and was remedied on inspection.

1 case of a defective W. C. was found and remedied.